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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A composition which comprises, in a physiologically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one sapogenin selected from the group consisting of diosgenin, hecogenin, smilagenin, sarsapogenin, tigogenin, yamogenin, yuccagenin [a sapogenin derivative], a natural extract containing diosgenin, a natural extract containing hecogenin [a sapogenin], a derivative of diosgenin, a derivative of hecogenin, and mixtures thereof; and

(B) at least one xanthine base or a plant extract containing the same.

3. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said sapogenin [derivative] is a derivative of hecogenin [sapogenin ester].

4. (Amended) The composition according to Claim [1] 3, wherein said [sapogenin ester] derivative of hecogenin is hecogenin acetate.

13. (Amended) A method for preventing and/or combating cellulite, said method comprising [apply] applying to the skin, of a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of the composition of claim 1 [a composition which comprises, in a physiologically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one sapogenin, sapogenin derivative, or natural extract containing a sapogenin; and

(B) at least one xanthine base or a plant extract containing the same].

17. (Amended) A method for refining the figure or the contours of the face, said method comprising [apply] applying to the skin of the figure or the skin of the face, of a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of the composition of claim 1 [a composition which comprises, in a physiologically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one sapogenin, sapogenin derivative, or natural extract containing a sapogenin; and

(B) at least one xanthine base or a plant extract containing the same].

Claims 21-35 (new)